

Lens Lines Newsletter



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On the Cover: The cover image by Al Kok taken at the Club Summer Picnic and Pool Party.

Above: The above image by Ed Niehenke was taken at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.

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2023-2024 Draft Schedule

September

- 7 Program - What I did over the Summer
- 14 Contest - Digital - Open
- 16 Field Trip: Defenders Day, Fort McHenry
- 21 Program - Hope Brooks - Botany
- 28 Contest - Color & Monochrome Prints - Open

October

- 5 Program - Portrait Night
- 12 Contest - Digital - Flowers
- 19 Program - Ryan Maurer - Cave Photography
- 21 Field Trip - Fire Museum of MD Lantern Night
- 26 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Flowers

November

- 2 Program - Matthew Hanson - Food Photography
- 9 Contest - Digital - Open
- 16 Program - Vickie Gray - The Art and Business of Headshot Photography
- 18 Field Trip - Conowingo Dam Eagles
- 23 No Meeting - Thanksgiving**
- 30 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open

December

- 7 Contest - Digital - Craftsmen/Artisans/Musicians
- 14 Christmas Party
- 17 Field Trip - Longwood Gardens
- 21 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Craftsmen/Artisans/Musicians
- 28 No Meeting - Christmas**

2024 January

- 4 Program - Padma Inguva - Photographing places of Worship
- 11 Contest - Digital - Open
- 18 Program - Chris Spielmann - Previsualization
- 21 Field Trip - National Cathedral Evensong Choral Service
- 25 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open

February

- 1 Program - Harry Crosland - Mirrorless Camera
- 8 Contest - Digital - Sacred/Religious Places
- 15 Program - TBD
- 17 Field Trip - Peabody Library and Walters Art Gallery
- 22 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Sacred/Religious Places
- 29 Tabletop or Studio Night

March

- 7 Program - TBD
- 14 Contest - Digital - Open
- 16 Field Trip - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
- 21 Program - James Corbett - Making Travel Magic: Iceland and Beyond
- 28 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open

April

- 4 Program - Betsy Wilson - A Different Point of View
- 11 Contest - Digital - Night
- 13 Field Trip - Brookside Gardens
- 18 Program - TBD
- 25 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Night

May

- 2 Program - TBD
- 9 Contest - Digital - Club Events
- 16 Program - TBD
- 23 Business Meeting
- 24 Field Trip - Preakness Celebration Balloon Festival
- 30 End of Year Banquet

2023-2024 Club Year

The start of the new club year is coming quickly. Here are some important actions you should take in preparation and associated links.

1. **Website:** Everything you need to know about the club is on the website <https://arundelcameraclub.org/>. The club website has been revised this summer.
2. **Membership Form:** Complete the Membership Form. You have to do this every club year. You can find the membership form here <https://arundelcameraclub.org/membership/>.
3. **Dues:** Pay your dues. Only members in good standing who have paid their dues can participate in contests. \$40 / person. \$20 each for each additional family member. We have not implemented online billing yet. You can bring your dues to a club meeting or mail them to Jackie Colestock, 1335 Old Mountain Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122. Make them payable to "Arundel Camera Club."
4. **Schedule:** Review the club calendar. You can always find the calendar in the current newsletter or on the club website here <https://arundelcameraclub.org/calendar/>.
5. **Directions:** We meet at the Severna Park Baptist Church. You can find directions here <https://arundelcameraclub.org/directions/>.

6. **FaceBook:** We use FaceBook to broadcast our meetings and to share information. Click here to join our [FaceBook Group](#).
7. **Mailing List:** We share club information via a mailing list. If you have not joined, email webmaster@arundelcameraclub.org.
8. **Contests:**
 - a. Review the updated presentation [2023 ACC How To Contests](#). This will be presented at the August 31 meeting after the vote on the revised constitution and bylaws.
 - b. Review the [Monthly and Year End Competition Rules](#).
 - c. Review the [2023-2024 Contest Themes](#).
 - d. Review the process to create an account and upload images for digital contests. If you have an account from a previous year, you do not need to create a new one. If you have forgot your password, you can reset it. Here is the link to the [ACC Digital Contest Submission Process 2023](#).
 - e. If you need labels for your prints, click [Print Competition Labels](#).
9. **First Meeting:** The first meeting of the year will be August 31st, in person, at the Severna Park Baptist Church. [Click here for more information](#).
10. **What I Did Over the Summer:** The second meeting will be September 7 and we will share and discuss digital images from your summer outings. Stay tuned for more information.

2023 Sep. 16: Field Trip - Defender's Day



Defenders Day field trip Saturday September 16th Meet at 6 pm at Fr. McHenry

Join us **September 16th** to commemorate Defenders' Day which honors the successful defense of the city from British attack in 1814. Celebrated since 1815, Defenders' Day is Baltimore's oldest holiday. The National Park Service and its partners invite visitors to explore the history of Baltimore's diverse community of defenders by learning about the daily lives and experiences of soldiers, sailors, and civilians who came together to defend their city in 1814, and those who continue to support their local and national communities today.

6:30 p.m.—Defenders' Day: Heroes Past and Present

Kick back in your chair or on your picnic blanket and enjoy an evening of music celebrating the service of defenders from 1814 to today. Evening program features:

- U.S. Army Enlistment Ceremony
- Concert by The United States Army Field Band

Here is the entire schedule of events for Saturday

- **10:00 a.m.—Hoist the Colors!**
- **12:00 p.m.—Roar of the Drums, Voices of Baltimore**
- **1:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m.—Explore Stories of Defenders Past and Present**
- **4:00 p.m.—Evening Formation and Raising the Storm Flag**
- **6:30 p.m.—Defenders' Day: Heroes Past and Present**

Free parking will be available at the park, but will be limited. All public parking is available on a first come, first served basis. Parking areas are closed to all vehicles whose passengers leave the grounds for more than one hour.

The park does not offer full service or indoor dining facilities. Visitors are welcome to bring food into the park and enjoy the designated picnic areas in the Orpheus Grove near the main entrance gate. The use of fire, stoves, or grills is prohibited.

[For more information click here.](#)

2023-2024 Contest Themes

Flowers - October

Flower photography challenges the photographer to capture the beauty, colors, and intricate details of various types of flowers. Employ composition techniques, experimenting with angles, perspectives, and framing to create visually captivating images. Focus on a single flower or incorporate multiple flowers to add depth and complexity. Utilize different lighting conditions to emphasize the unique colors and textures of each flower. This genre of photography aims to celebrate the natural world's beauty and intricacy, showcasing the transient nature of life and evoking a sense of wonder and appreciation for nature's splendor.

Craftsmen, Artists, and Musicians - December

This theme focuses on capturing the essence and creative spirit of individuals excelling in artistic pursuits. It highlights their dedication, skill, passion, and craftsmanship, showcasing the artistic process, attention to detail, and unique personalities of these individuals. The theme involves intimate moments and interactions, capturing artists at work, their tools, materials, and techniques, as well as the environments where they create. Lighting and composition are carefully utilized to accentuate textures and details, while framing creates a visual narrative of the artists' journeys. Ultimately, this theme celebrates creativity and diverse artistic expressions, offering a glimpse into the world of talented individuals who bring beauty and inspiration to the world through their crafts.

Sacred Places & Places of Worship - February

This theme focuses on capturing images of locations that hold deep spiritual or cultural significance. Photographers aim to convey the sense of awe, tranquility, and spiritual connection associated with these places. The theme encompasses a wide range of sacred locations, including temples, churches, mosques, memorials, and cemeteries. The photographs emphasize architectural beauty, details, and artistic elements, while light plays a crucial role in creating a transcendent atmosphere. Photographers may also focus on the human aspects of rituals, ceremonies, or the interaction between worshippers and the space, conveying the profound connection between humanity and the divine.

Night - April

Night photography revolves around capturing images in after the sun has set. Highlight the distinct qualities of nighttime lighting and the enchanting atmosphere that emerges in the darkness. Mastering low light photography techniques, such as utilizing tripods, adjusting camera settings, and incorporating artificial light sources, is crucial. The challenge is to create images that evoke a sense of atmosphere and mood, including creative lighting, color manipulation, and thoughtful composition. The focus is on capturing the vibrant cityscapes, starry skies, or moonlit landscapes to celebrate the unique characteristics of nighttime environments.

Kenilworth Gardens Field Trip Photos



Summer Picnic & Pool Party

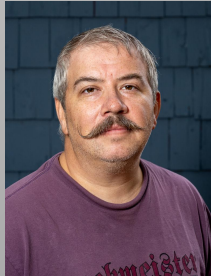


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Summer Picnic & Pool Party



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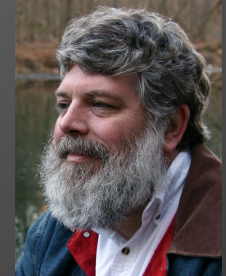
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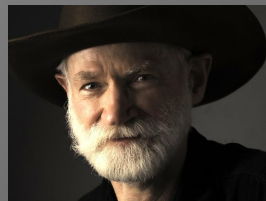
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Social Media

Web Site

The club website can be found at <https://arundelcameraclub.org/>. On the website you can find the club calendar and newsletters as well as other information like our constitution and by-laws.

Mailing List

The club has a mailing list where we send out information to club members including information about calendar changes, contests, publishing newsletters, etc. To be added to the mailing list send an email to webmaster@arundelcameraclub.org. You can remove yourself from the mailing list at any time.

Newsletters

You can find our newsletters on our website. The newsletter has information on contest results and field trips as well as upcoming events and member accomplishments. You can find the archive of club newsletters at <https://arundelcameraclub.org/newsletter/>.

FaceBook

The club has a FaceBook Group which we use to broadcast our meetings. You can find the group here <http://facebook.arundelcameraclub.org/>. If you are not a member, you can request to join the group. It is a public group. Anyone on FaceBook can see our posts but only members can make posts.

YouTube

Videos of all of our virtual meetings and contests have been posted to YouTube. If you do not want to join FaceBook or missed one of our online meetings, you can see recordings here. You can find them here <http://youtube.arundelcameraclub.org/>.

Instagram

You will find club announcements and winning images posted to our club Instagram account. You can find it at <http://instagram.arundelcameraclub.org/>.

Club Information

Meeting Nights

The Arundel Camera Club meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Severna Park Baptist Church. Setup starts at 6:30 PM. We broadcast our live meetings to FaceBook.

Click on the map for directions.

Meetings are open to the public, but only dues paying members may enter competitions and participate in critiques.

Meetings alternate between programs of informative speakers, photographic assignments, and photographic competitions.

Competitions give us a chance to show off our work and to get constructive critiques from our judges. Ribbons are awarded for first through fourth place and honorable mention. Normally we have competitions for color prints, monochrome prints, and digital images. In addition to digital contests, we have restarted our print contests. Competitions are held for both novice and unlimited club members. Awards are awarded at the end of year banquet.

The club also has monthly photographic field trips to locations of interest. This is a chance to go out and practice what we learned during programs, a time to socialize with other club members, and a chance to do a little photographic exploration.

Membership Rates

Individual \$40.00
Family \$20.00 each additional family member

[Click here to sign up.](#)

